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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN PRESS RECOMMENDS INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE
OF NETO

1. THE EAST GERMAN PRESS HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS TO THE MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA, THE MEETING OF AAPSO IN LUANDA, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE MAIN THEME IS THAT MPLA IS ON THE MOVE AND THAT NOW, RATHER THAN LATER, IS THE TIME FOR WEST EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES TO PUSH THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR RECONIZITION OF THE NETO REGIME.

2. A SECONDARY THEME IS THAT THE IMPERIALIST FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE SOUTH AFRICANS, HAVE BEEN DEFEATED AND NOW CONTROL ONLY A STRIP ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER WITH ZAIRE. THE CHINESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE LUMPED TOGETHER AS HAVING ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE IMPERIALIST SIDE FURTHER ACTIONS BY THEM TO ASSIST FNLA AND UNITA CANNOT BE

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RULED OUT. THE AAPSO MEETING WAS WELL COVERED, PARTICULARLY THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA

AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE FORCE IN ANGOLA. MENTION IS ALSO MADE OF A TELEGRAM REPORTEDLY SENT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE OAU TO THE MPLA IN WHICH HE STATES THE BELIEF THAT THE NETO FORCES WILL TRIUMPH OVER THE "IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS".

3. THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT THE U.S. CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE FATE OF ANGOLA IS PICKED UP TOGETHER WITH THE RECENT APPEARANCE BEFORE AN AFRICAN-SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U.S. CONGRESS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH. THE LATTER PIECE SUGGESTS THAT THE U.S. IS ACTIVELY SEEKING OVERFLIGHTS RIGHTS FOR AIRCRAFT TO BRING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA AND IS GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANCHORING U.S. WARSHIPS IN LUANDA HARBOR.

4. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GDR DELEGATION TO THE AAPSO MEETING HEADED BY POLITBURO MEMBER, HEINZ JUCH, WAS RECEIVED BY NETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING FELICITATIONS FROM THE GDR LEADERSHIP TO THE MPLA AND FOR STATING THE GDR'S SOLIDARITY WITH NETO AND HIS MOVEMENT. NETO REPORTEDLY THANKED THE GDR FOR ITS "MANIFOLD" SUPPORT AND ITS EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY.

5. COMMENT: THE GDR'S COVERAGE OF ANGOLA IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS SHOWN MORE SELF-ASSURANCE THAN ITS COURSE IN SUPPORTING NETO IS THE RIGHT ONE. SENDING A GDR DELEGATION TO THE AAPRSO MEETING TOO IS A SIGN THAT THE EAST GERMANS ARE WILLING TO BE COUNTED INTERNATIONALLY AS ACTIVE SUPPORTERS OF THE MPLA. THEY ARE STILL HOWEVER FAR FROM BEING OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE. GROVE

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